## **Sessions**

Cost: \$60.00 per person (second person with paid full registration will be an additional \$30).

Please make checks out to: Buchanan County SWCD and mail along with this form to:

> Buchanan Co SWCD 3915 Oakland Ave, Suite 102 St Joseph, MO 64506

☐ June 10-11, 2014 (Hundley Whaley

### Please confirm:

Agriculture Experiment Station in Albany, Missouri)	
Number of people attending	
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# Northwest Missouri Management Intensive Grazing School





### What is a Management Intensive Grazing System?

Management intensive grazing (also known as rotational grazing management) is a system where grazing is managed for both the benefit of the livestock and forage. Livestock graze in each pasture long enough to harvest the forage, but are removed before too much leaf area is consumed. A basic system may have 4 or 5 pastures while a more management intensive system will have 8 to 10 pastures.

### Why should I attend this school?

The single most important management factor in determining the profitability of a livestock operation is keeping feed cost low. So why buy it when you can grow high quality feed yourself through a management intensive grazing (MIG) system?

Cost control, not the amount of production, separates profitable from unprofitable operations. Through a MIG system you can keep your cost down and production in most cases will increase, all while helping out the environment.

In addition to profits to your pocket book and the environment you may be eligible to receive costs share to help establish your MIG system. Check with your local SWCD or NRCS office for further information on assistance.

# The Northwest Missouri Grazing school will feature information on these topics:

- -Inventorying Farm Resources
- -Soils and Topology
- -Plant Growth and Species
- -Grazing Basics
- -Livestock Water
- -Extending the Grazing Season
- -Fencing
- -Forage Quality Discussion
- -Economics of Grazing
- -Layout and Design of a MIG System
- -Meeting Nutritional needs of Livestock with Pasture
- -Pasture Fertility
- -Forage Estimates
- -Grazing Heights
- -Matching Livestock with Forage Resources
- -Farm Visits (onsite functioning MIG systems)

### **Northwest Missouri Grazing School 2014**

The grazing school will be held at the following times:

8:30 a.m.— 4:30 p.m. (both days)

June 10th-11th

A receipt for the cost of the school, an agenda, and directions to the school location will be emailed or sent by USPS upon registration.

If you have questions, please contact Nathan Bilke at the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Maryville. You can reach him at 660-582-7125 ext.3 or you can email at Nathan.Bilke@mo.usda.gov

The registration fee covers the costs the seminars including mileage reimbursement, meals, refreshments, on-farm tour equipment, fence and water system demonstration materials and the following references:

- Missouri Grazing Manual
- Forages and Weeds of Pastures
- Grazing stick

You also receive these free publications:

- Electric Fencing for Serious Graziers
- Water Systems for Serious Graziers
- Soil and Pasture Health Guide for MO
- Extending Grazing and Reducing Stored Feed Needs.